YOU'RE SURE THIS IS THE BROKER'S ISLAND, DR. RICHARDS?
I TRACKED THE CARRIER WAVE IN THE FALSE VIDEO SIGNAL. THERE'S A 99.028736 4% PROBABILITY THAT THIS IS WHERE IT ORIGINATED.
IT'S DEEP IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. PRECISELY IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE.
IF THEY WERE ABLE TO CREATE SUCH A SOPHISTICATED AND SUBTLE DECEPTION, SURELY THEY ARE CLEVER ENOUGH TO ANTICIPATE OUR ARRIVAL.
IT'S A TRAP, FISHSTICKS REALLY?
JUST ONCE, GRIMM, COULD YOU DEPORT YOURSELF LIKE AN ADULT?
JUST FOR ONCE COULD YOU NOT STATE THE OBVIOUS LIKE IT'S SHAKESPEARE?
THEY'RE EXPECTING ME, MAYBE NAMOR, NOT ALL OF US.

MAJESTY, ALL OF OUR LONG-RANGE SCANNERS JUST WENT DEAD!
HMMM... CROSSWAVE JAMMING. A RANDOM FREQUENCY SWITCHER. HAS TO BE A DOWNSWEEP FROM A SATELLITE. IMPRESSIVE.
FLEA'S NOT PICKING UP ANYTHING IN GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT.
SO, THEY HAVE A CLOAKING DEVICE. THIS BROKER IS DEMONSTRATING A DISHEARTENING LEVEL OF TECHNOLOGICAL SOPHISTICATION.
HOW SOPHISTICATED?
EVEN I DON'T HAVE A CLOAKED SATELLITE. NOT IN ORBIT YET, ANYWAY.
THEN THIS COULD BE A REAL THROWDOWN. DO WE NEED BACKUP?
AS I SAID, THEY WON'T BE EXPECTING ALL OF US.
AND IF THEY ARE?
WE CAN HANDLE IT.

WAKANDA
THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION, ORORO, BUT LOOK AT THE PROTESTORS. THIS FEELS STAGED...AND IT IS TURNING UGLY. THE PRESS IS TWISTING WHAT HAPPENED AT THE FARM INTO A LITERAL WITCH HUNT.
I KNOW... I ACTED FOOLISHLY--
YOU WERE SET UP! A CHILD COULD SEE IT. THEY BLINDSIDED YOU AND THEY HAVE THE EAR OF THE MEDIA.
THEY? WHO ARE THEY?
DZZZZZZ
T'CHALLA-- WHERE ARE YOU? YOUR WIFE AND YOUR COUNTRY NEED YOU AND--
RAMONDA IS RIGHT, MY LOVE. WITH SHURI OUT OF THE COUNTRY AND THE MEDIA HOUNDING ME, YOUR PEOPLE NEED YOU.
I'M NO LONGER THE KING, ORORO. AND THEY ARE NO LONGER MY PEOPLE.
WAKANDA AND I HAVE BECOME STRANGERS.
AND WHAT OF US, MY HUSBAND? HAVE WE BECOME STRANGERS AS WELL? I LOOK IN YOUR EYES, AND ALL I SEE IS ANGER.
WHERE ARE WE?
WE ARE IN HELL, ORORO.
PRINCESS ORORO, YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR THE UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON THE PERSON OF RAM METUNGA.
WHAT OUTRAGE IS THIS! TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF OF HER AT--
HIGHNESS, WE HAVE FIFTY ARMED MEN HERE AND THE PALACE IS FILLED WITH CHILDREN. PLEASE COME QUIETLY. I'M SURE YOU DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE HURT.

HEADS UP, GENTLEMEN. I GOT A VISUAL. LOOKS LIKE THEY SENT SOMEONE TO WELCOME US.
ARMORED HUMANOID...
RUNNING PATTERN RECOGNITION SOFTWARE NOW...
WHAT THE--?
A MANDROID?
HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

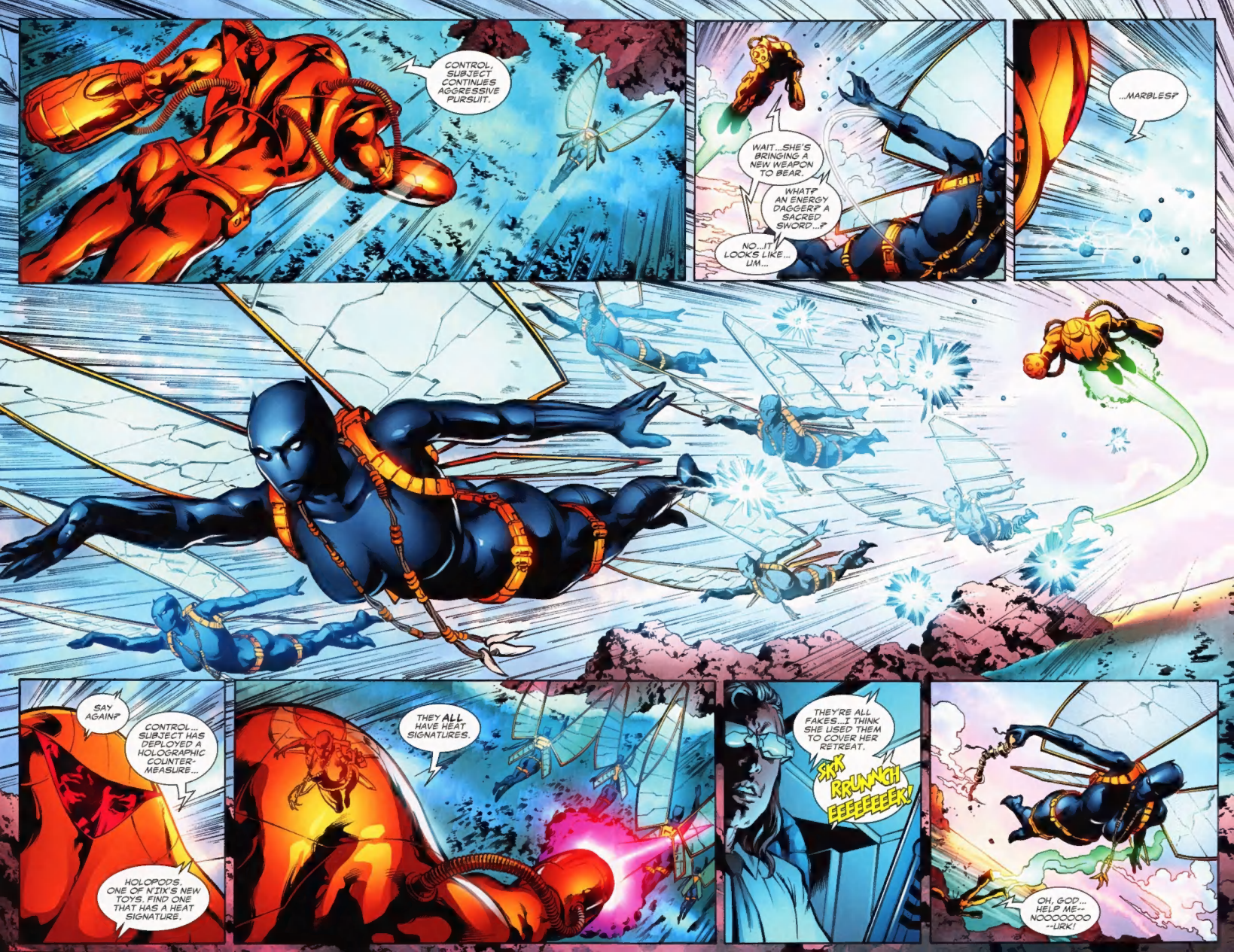
MADE MAN
NOT YOUR TYPICAL MANDROID. SHURI, TAKE MY HAND! I CAN GLIDE US DOWN TO--
HELP THE OTHERS, DR. RICHARDS.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GETTING TO SAFETY.

MISSION TIME 14:27 HOURS. INFORM THE BROKER THAT THE ENEMY HAS BEEN ENGAGED. ALERT ALL UNITS.
ARE YOU SEEING THIS?
YES, DECLAN.
KILL AS MANY AS YOU CAN, BUT DON'T RISK YOURSELF.

SHOULD I BE TOUCHED BY YOUR CONCERN FOR MY WELL-BEING?
LET'S NOT DESCEND INTO FANTASY.
KILL RICHARDS LAST. IT WOULD PLEASE ME TO KNOW THAT HE SAW HIS FRIENDS SUFFER.
I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO. BUT BEAR IN MIND WHO HE IS AND WHO HE'S WITH. EVEN MY TROOPS, WITH ALL OF THE UPGRADES AND MUTANT GROWTH HORMONES AND ALIEN WEAPONRY, MAY NOT BE ENOU--
BUY ME ONE HOUR. AFTER THAT, IT WON'T MATTER IF THEY LIVE OR NOT.
ONE HOUR?
I DON'T SEE THAT AS A PROBLEM AT ALL.
T'CHALLA OFFERED NO RESISTANCE AT ALL. HE LET THEM TAKE HER AND MY AGENTS SAY THAT HIS PRIVATE PLANE LEFT THE AIRPORT. IT'S JUST AS I TOLD YOU--HE IS BROKEN
MAKE NO ASSUMPTIONS. KEEP HIM UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE.
IT IS TIME TO ACT. THE WORD IS GIVEN. THE HOUR OF THE DESTURI HAS COME.

GRIMM, BEHIND YOU!
KA-THOOM!
UGGHHHH!
OUCH. AND I DO MEAN #$@% OUCH!
I DID IT! I DECKED THE THING. SWEET!
GOSH, IT'S THE MORE-ABSORBANT MAN. I'M IN TROUBLE NOW. WELL GUESS WHAT, CREEL, SUCKER PUNCHES DON'T MAKE YOU A TOUGH GUY. THOR'S BEEN HANDING YOU YOUR ASS FOR YEARS NOW.
THAT WAS THEN, PAL. THE BROKER'S GIVEN ME AN UPGRADE.
LET'S SEE WHAT ADAMANTIUM CAN DO TO YOUR HIDE.

BA-KOOM!
THERE'S A MILLION DOLLAR BONUS FOR WHOEVER TAKES YOUR ANKLE WINGS. YOU'RE GONNA HELP BUY ME A CONDO IN MALIBU.
WHUMP!
UHHNNNHH!
SWEEEEET! THESE FOCUSING CANNONS GIVE ME AN EDGE I NEVER HAD BEFORE.
I HOPE YOUR PRINCESS'S FAITH IN US WASN'T MISPLACED.
IF IT IS, NONE OF US WILL EVER KNOW.


CONTROL, SUBJECT CONTINUES AGGRESSIVE PURSUIT.
WAIT...SHE'S BRINGING A NEW WEAPON TO BEAR.
WHAT? AN ENERGY DAGGER? A SACRED SWORD...?
NO...IT LOOKS LIKE... UM...
...MARBLES?
SAY AGAIN?
CONTROL, SUBJECT HAS DEPLOYED A HOLOGRAPHIC COUNTER-MEASURE...
HOLOPODS. ONE OF N'IIX'S NEW TOYS. FIND ONE THAT HAS A HEAT SIGNATURE.
THEY ALL HAVE HEAT SIGNATURES.
THEY'RE ALL FAKES...I THINK SHE USED THEM TO COVER HER RETREAT.
SKK RRUNNCH EEEEEEEEK!
OH, GOD... HELP ME-- NOOOOOOO --URK!

THIS IS DESTURI ONE. MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, HEAR ME! IF YOU ARE ON THIS FREQUENCY THEN YOU SHARE MY VISION AND MY HOPE. THIS IS THE HOUR OF CLEANSING.
RISE! TAKE BACK THE POWER THAT WAS LOST.
RISE! SILENCE THE VOICES OF HERESY AND LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD.
RISE! SHOW THOSE WHO HAVE BECOME WEAK WHAT STRENGTH TRULY IS!
RISE! AS TOGETHER WE BRING OUR BELOVED COUNTRY BACK TO ITS VALUES, OUR CULTURE BACK TO ITS ROOTS, OUR MISGUIDED BROTHERS BACK TO THEIR SENSES, AND OUR FUTURE BACK INTO ALIGNMENT WITH ITS TRUE DESTINY.
WAKANDA IS OURS! WAKANDA FOR WAKANDANS!

YOU LOOK NERVOUS, MRS. TICKLE.
WELL, [redacted] DECLUN, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THAT THIS IS GETTING INTERESTING. EVEN WITH THE UPGRADES, OUR TEAM IS FACING A WORST-CASE SCENARIO, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
OH, I DON'T KNOW. COULD BE WORSE. THEY BROUGHT THEIR MOST PREDICTABLE PLAYERS TO OUR LITTLE HOOTENANNY. NO WILD CARDS, NO ONE WITH AN X-FACTOR OF ANY KIND, NOTHING TO DISTURB THE STATISTICAL PROBABILITIES.
DOOM WAS RIGHT TO CHOOSE YOU.
FLATTERY, MRS. TICKLE? DURING BUSINESS HOURS. I'M SHOCKED.
I CAN BRING IT UP AGAIN TONIGHT. WHICH REMINDS ME... WHERE WILL WE [redacted] TONIGHT?
ANYWHERE BUT HERE.
THE WITCH HAS BEEN TAKEN TO THE NULL CHAMBER...AND T'CHALLA HAS LEFT THE CAPITAL. HIS PRIVATE JET WAS SPOTTED FLYING--
HE'S GONE? HA! THE BROKER WAS RIGHT--HIS SPIRIT IS BROKEN.
TELL ME ABOUT THE CASUALTIES.
NO FATALITIES, THOUGH A FEW DOZEN POLICE AND MILITARY WILL REQUIRE SOME MEDICAL ATTENTION.
DO WE HAVE THE MASTER CODES?
OUR AGENTS IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY WERE WELL-PLACED. THE LAUNCH KEYS ARE OURS. BUT THEY'LL BE USELESS IN TWELVE HOURS WHEN THE SYSTEM AUTOMATICALLY RESETS.
OUR PATRON PROVIDED FOR THAT. HE GAVE US A MULTIPHASIC CODE INTRUSION PACKAGE. WE'LL [redacted] ABLE TO RESET THE CODES MANUALLY.
THE ENTIRE ARSENAL OF WAKANDA [redacted] OURS. NUKES, PHASERS, PLASMA WEAPONS, VIBRANIUM SHOCK-BOMBS -- ALL OF IT.

WE HAVE THEM ON THE RUN! KEEP HAMMERING THEM!
WATCH HOW THE GROWN-UPS DO IT, KIDDO. I'VE BEEN ACHING FOR A BRAWL LIKE THIS!
SHURI -ON YOUR FLANK! REDIRECT HYDRO-MAN TO...
ALREADY ON IT!
IMPERIUS REX!

WE'VE TAKEN THE CENTRAL RESEARCH FACILITY. THE VAULT IS OURS. MY MEN ARE TRYING TO BREAK THE SECURITY SYSTEM NOW. THERE ARE TWELVE LEVELS OF SECURITY.
TWELVE? YOUR AGENTS SAID THAT THERE WERE ONLY EIGHT.
DON'T WASTE TIME. SHOOT ONE OF THE PRISONERS IN THE KNEE, IF THAT DOESN'T LOOSEN HIS TONGUE, SHOOT HIM IN THE HEAD. KEEP DOING THAT UNTIL ONE OF THEM GIVES YOU THE ACCESS CODES.
UNDERSTOOD?
DON'T WORRY, SIR, MY BEST MEN ARE WORKING ON IT NOW AND WE'VE ALREADY DISABLED ONE LOCK.
KRAK!
AIIIIEEEE! MY GOD!
UNDERSTOOD, SIR.

LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE THEM ON THE RUN, PRINCESS.
I THINK I'VE LOCATED THE BROKER. HE'S--
WAIT! PRINCESS, ON YOUR SIX--
PRINCESS-- YOU HAVE TO ACT. YOUR PANTHERSKIN CAN'T TAKE TOO MUCH OF THAT.
UGHH! NO KIDDING. OW! DAMMIT.
SKK-ERRUNNCHH!
SWEET!
--I MEAN, WELL DONE, PRINCESS.
I'M GOING IN, FLEA. SEND ME SOME BACKUP.

CRASH!
ONE HOUR, TWELVE MINUTES, FORTY-FOUR SECONDS.
EXCELLENT.
WALTER DECLUN! IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW. RETRO-ENGINEERED TECHNOLOGY, CYBERNETIC AND MUTANT ENHANCEMENT, MANDROIDS. THIS MAN USED TO BE CEO OF DAMAGE CONTROL--BUT HE WENT MAD AND BEGAN SELLING HIS WARES TO TERRORISTS.
WAIT! WE NEED ANSWERS.
WE HAVE THE ANSWERS. THIS MANIAC SOLD THE MUTANT GROWTH HORMONES TO NITRO.
IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO BE REMEMBERED FOR ONE'S WORK.
REVILED IS CLOSER TO THE MARK.
NITRO WAS OUT OF HIS MIND WITH THE PSYCHOTROPIC EFFECTS OF THOSE HORMONES. HIS POWER WAS OUT OF CONTROL--HE KILLED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. HE KILLED CHILDREN! AND SET OFF THE WHOLE CIVIL WAR!
KRASH

IS HE A MONSTER OF SOME KIND?
HE IS NOW. IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN TAKING HIS OWN MUTANT GROWTH HORMONE.
SHARP AS A ROCK AS ALWAYS, RICHARDS. OF COURSE I HAVE. AND PLAYED A LITTLE SPLICE AND DICE WITH MY DNA, ALL IN THE SPIRIT OF FUN.
ENOUGH BANTER. YOU'VE ATTACKED MY FAMILY AND MY PEOPLE. I WANT TO KNOW WHY!
YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY. IF YOU SPENT LESS TIME TEXTING YOUR FRIENDS AND READING TWILIGHT AND MORE TIME CATCHING UP ON CURRENT EVENTS, YOU'D KNOW WHY.
...CALLING ITSELF THE DESTURI HAVE OVERTHROWN THE GOVERNMENT OF WAKANDA IN WHAT IS BEING CALLED A 'NEARLY BLOODLESS COUP'. ALL AMBASSADORS HAVE BEEN RECALLED AND ALL FOREIGNERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED OUT OF THE COUNTRY IMMEDIATELY...
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BBC
WHAT'S THE STREET EXPRESSION? DON'T HATE THE PLAYER, HATE THE GAME? I'M JUST THE MIDDLEMAN HERE. YOU HAVE MUCH BIGGER FISH TO FRY THAN ME...AND MUCH, MUCH BIGGER PROBLEMS.
I'D LOVE TO STICK AROUND TO SEE HOW THIS ENDS BUT...
...I CAN JUST TURN ON THE NEWS.
ZZZ-ZZZZT
POP!

...THE RULING FAMILY OF WAKANDA HAS FLED IN SHAME AND DISGRACE.
ON THIS GLORIOUS DAY, WAKANDA RECLAIMS ITS STRENGTH AND ITS NATIONAL PRIDE.
THIS IS N'DEGA, AND I HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING THE NEWLY-APPOINTED PRESS SECRETARY FOR THE DESTURI PARTY. LISTEN TO ME AND YOU WILL HEAR THE VOICE OF FREE WAKANDA.
WAKANDA FOR WAKANDANS!
EIGHT LOCKS HAVE BEEN BYPASSED. FOUR TO GO.
EXCELLENT. I'M COMING THROUGH.
WELCOME TO WAKANDA, MY LORD.

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